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Failure of Mail Deliveries - Index to Deportations

1. After the government purge in June 1952 a sharp decline in the mail traffic between Greece and Rumania was observed. This traffic reached its lowest point during August when letters and post cards sent from Greece to Rumania were returned to the senders stamped "Addressee Unknown", "Addressee No Longer at this Address", or "Addressee Refused to Receive". At least one instance is known where the sender addressed a postcard to relatives in Constanta who had resided there all their lives. The card was returned bearing the inscription "Departed from the City". The implication is that the addressees were deported under such conditions that they did not leave a forwarding address.
2. There are indications that all foreign mail coming into Rumania during the summer of 1952 was blocked by the Rumanian Postal Authorities. Letters and packages were returned to the senders without any reason being noted on the envelopes.

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